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IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

George M. Noble was in Kansas City yesterday on business.

A. Scott Bledsoe, of Topeka, president of the State Spiritualist association, will lecture in Fort Scott Sunday.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stafford, at 1105 West Euclid avenue.

The free employment agency reports a strong demand for hired girls just at present, with a few good farm jobs for men on the side.

Edgar L. Street, the brother of Chas. E. Street, president of the Topeka Water company, looks like ex-Councilman H. S. Nichols.

The social committee of Beulah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet in the parlors of the Masonic building for business tonight.

Street Commissioner Snyder is preparing to grade West Sixth street for the extension of the macadam pavement from Morris avenue to the city limits.

Rev. J. A. Stavelly will address the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon; subject, "Christ, the Power of God." Special music will be furnished for the service.

A. E. Wilcox has sold his home at 615 Teller to E. H. Rand, a wealthy produce commission merchant of Pontiac, Illinois. The deal was closed by the Strauss Agency.

W. L. Osborn, manager of the Topeka Desiccating works, says that plans are now being made for the construction of the proposed garbage reduction works for the city of Topeka.

Anna Eva Fay says that Topeka will buy the waterworks. This is a matter which was decided only eleven months ago, and Anna certainly deserves credit for finding it out.

Mrs. Josephine Herbert, a colored woman, was thrown from a buggy on West Eighth street, receiving a severe contusion at the base of the skull. This accident occurred in a runaway.

Frank Leach, manager of the Washburn athletic, went to Lawrence today to make a deal with Coach Kennedy for his services with the Washburn football team for next season.

W. J. Healey, auditor of freight receipts for the Santa Fe, City Engineer James F. McCabe and A. C. Klingman served as "umpires" at the Anna Eva Fay hoodwinking contest Friday night.

The ladies of G. G. Gage corps G. A. R. treated the post to a surprise last night in the nature of a turkey party and was a complete surprise. They served hot coffee and other things good to eat. They also gave an interesting programme.

The streets and walks committee yesterday turned down the petition of the teamsters asking that the limit of load for narrow tire wagons be raised from 4,000 to 5,000 pounds. After September 1 all wagons hauling more weight than 4,000 pounds must have wide tires.

While most of the other city officials were at the Commercial club rooms last night discussing the advisability of buying the waterworks, City Engineer J. F. McCabe was at the Crawford opera house asking Anna Eva Fay about it. She said the city should buy the plant at its own price.

L. B. Bonawitz, a farmer whose home is near Meriden, was badly bruised Friday afternoon by being thrown from a wagon at the west edge of North Topeka. His wagon collided with one driven by John Shore. Mr. Bonawitz was thrown out and was trampled by a horse led behind the other vehicle.

Lawrence Gazette: General Hugh C. Aaron, the Kansas hermit, cut in on by walking to Topeka this week to attend the meeting of the State Insurance union. On his way to the capital he built a fire and got too close, and had a narrow escape for his wiskers.

A Lawrence paper says: Fred Vandegrift, who is always nosing around somewhere, was on the train that bumped into another one at Kansas City yesterday. He was not seriously injured, but he suffered great mortification by reason of being compelled to retire at once to a clothing store and purchase a new pair of trousers.

A story has been in circulation in the Second ward to the effect that Rev. F. E. Mallory has arranged to move away from Topeka. Mr. Mallory said today that the statement is wrong and that he has no intention of quitting Topeka. He is a candidate for election to the school board from the Second ward.

To bring the work of the gymnasium before the people, as is done by all universities and colleges, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. will give an exhibition in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, the 23d. There will be no attempt to put any spectacular upon the platform, such as a circus parade, nothing but the regular class room work which is itself of sufficient attractiveness to please all who are interested.

Marines for the Orient.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—The six hundred marines who, it is reported, have been ordered to the Asiatic station, will embark on the transport Buford which is to take the marines from this port and not from Portland. It is not known as yet whether the marines will be transferred to the warships of the Asiatic squadron at Nagasaki or Manila.

Final Figures on Baltimore Insurance.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—The Baltimore Underwriter prints the list of all the fire insurance companies in the Baltimore fire. The total gross loss is \$2,084,809, of which \$8,000,000 falls on the

MUST GO SLOW.

Commercial Club Conservative About the Waterworks.

Want an Engineer to Examine the Plant.

NO RADICAL ACTION.

Favor Purchase by City When Put in Good Condition.

What the Business Men Think About It.

At its meeting last night to discuss the waterworks situation the Topeka Commercial club considered and adopted, rejected or laid over more resolutions than a middle of the road Populist convention. The Commercial club members indulged themselves in oratory, considerably. The tone of the meeting was that the purchase of the water plant is desirable—under restrictions. Almost all the working membership of the club was present although the meeting had been called on short notice. Most of those present talked. Here are some of the sentiments expressed:

"Before the purchase of the waterworks the city should apply to the federal court for an order requiring the receiver of the water company to place the plant in condition to give the city ample protection and adequate water service for domestic purposes. The water company is not anxious to sell the plant. If we refuse to purchase now the water company will get a ready-made franchise for twenty years."—G. C. Clemens.

"We should buy the waterworks, but before we purchase the company should be required to demonstrate that the plant is capable of performing the service promised under the former franchise."—M. C. Holman.

"The city ought to purchase fire engines sufficient to protect its property in case the water plant fails again. We ought to omit no details in assuring our citizens protection."—Michael Heery.

"I am inclined to think that the water company should have two mains leading from the pumping station to the city, one of which should be reserved for use during fires. I do not believe our present main is adequate."—W. A. S. Bird.

"Fire engines capable of protecting the city in any emergency should be procured. Then we should tell the water company that we will be ready to complete the purchase of the waterworks as soon as they are in the condition in which it was guaranteed they should be maintained."—A. A. Godard.

"The city is in no way legally bound to complete the transaction of purchasing the water plant. The bonds are already issued, and we should not make the deal but there is nothing by which we are bound to carry it out in case we find it undesirable."—City Attorney Charles F. Spencer.

These are a few of the things said last night. Most of them were repeated or added to by members of the Commercial club. The proposition offered by G. C. Clemens to bring the leverage of the federal court to bear in securing the repair of the water pumping station was embodied in a resolution which was laid over for a while. It was opposed by Judge T. F. Garver, John R. Mulvane and others who said that the less litigation entered into the more desirable. The report of the special committee of the Commercial club, advising that the city be urged to secure the services of a hydraulic engineer to pass upon the condition of the water plant, was adopted.

The special committee appointed to confer with members of the city council and to give such assistance as was possible in transactions respecting the purchase of the waterworks, reported to the club its findings. It had prepared a resolution in which it recommended that the city should not purchase the waterworks until the following resolution:

That in the judgment of the Commercial club the election authorizing an issue of bonds of the city of Topeka for the purchase of the plant of the Topeka Water company was carried in favor of that proposition upon the basis of the condition that the plant was being maintained in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance granting the franchise; that the weakness of the plant and its incapacity, as demonstrated during the late fires, resulting from the damages caused by the great floods of last May, or the result of some inherent weakness hitherto unknown, has shown that the plant the Topeka Water company proposes to sell to the city is much less valuable and complete and of much less capacity than it was represented to be at the time of the election, or that it has been so damaged that it is not now in effective condition, and that it is the duty of the city council before completing the purchase to cause a most careful examination to be made by competent experts, and to insist that the plant if bought shall be the equal in every respect of the plant the people voted to buy; that we believe the city should act as would an individual under like circumstances, and we believe any prudent individual would demand that the property be put in the same condition when the contract is to be completed as it was represented to be when the contract was made.

Resolved, That the safety of the business interests of this city demand that a steam fire engine of competent capacity be purchased by the city pending the rehabilitation of the water plant.

The resolution which will be presented by Councilman Howe at the next council meeting will be as follows:

Whereas, There is much dissatisfaction among the people of the city, growing out of the supposed inability of the waterworks company to furnish suitable pressure, so that the city is much less protected and saved from damage or loss in case of fires, and

Whereas, The contemplated early taking over of the waterworks by the city makes a thorough knowledge of its condition imperative, therefore,

Resolved, by the mayor and council of the city of Topeka, that the mayor and city engineer be and they hereby are directed and authorized to cause to be made a thorough examination of the waterworks plant by an expert hydraulic engineer from some city owning and

operating waterworks, whose experience has been such as to qualify him to determine what repairs, extensions or improvements, if any, are indispensable in order to put the plant in condition to furnish the people with an ample supply of water and to afford sufficient fire protection, regard being had to future as well as present needs.

"SAMUEL T. HOWE." The resolution embodying the G. C. Clemens' idea was presented by E. E. Roubush, but was considered too radical for immediate adoption. It was: Resolved, That we ask the mayor and council of the city of Topeka to apply to the United States court at once, showing the facts and emergency and asking that the receiver of the Topeka Water company be required to restore adequate fire pressure at once.

The report of the special committee of the Commercial club was the first thing to be presented to the club last night and considerable discussion ensued over the provisions of the resolution offered in it. John R. Mulvane made a motion to strike out the clause advising the purchase of additional fire engines, saying that in view of the rehabilitation of the Harrison street pumping station such a purchase was not necessary. Michael Heery was the first to oppose this. He said:

"When the Topeka Water company was given its franchise one of the provisions was that there should be a standpipe erected so that at all times there should be sufficient pressure in all parts of the city. At that time it was agreed that the test should be an ability to throw ten streams of water from nozzles one inch in diameter to a height of 100 feet. Is there anyone here who believes that the water plant has ever been able to meet such a test? I think not. It was not at first in favor of the purchase of the waterworks but the city has voted in favor of the purchase and I think we ought to keep our end of the contract. But before we make the purchase we ought to see that the pumping station is able to meet the test which the company agreed to give. We don't even get suitable pressure for domestic service on the upper floors of our larger buildings. There is not an even distribution of pressure, else there would be no such thing as a Potwin and so little force down town."

F. H. Foster spoke of the unequalness of the pressure distribution. He said that at his home in Potwin the water pressure was too strong most of the time. Residents of that portion of the town were annoyed by having their water pipes burst from the pressure. While down town on the fourth floor of the Stornoway building where he had his office, it not infrequently occurred that there was no water in the faucets of the wash basins.

W. A. S. Bird, F. H. Foster, T. J. Anderson and others spoke upon the advisability of the erection of a standpipe in or close to the city in order to secure a proper distribution of the city's water supply. Major Anderson said:

"It is my recollection that when the waterworks franchise was granted it was agreed that a standpipe should be erected and built near Fifth and Buchanan streets for that purpose. That feature of the contract was not carried out. I think, on account of the adoption of the use of direct pressure pumps at the pumping station. But it is evident that the distribution of the water is not satisfactory. I don't think it is the only way in which we can secure an even distribution of pressure or depend upon getting down town from that end. The second motor also exploded and in an instant some one released the one brake that held the car at the top of the hill.

As flight back toward Market street began the passengers crowded wildly toward the motorman's platform to escape the flames. Dorothy Greenup leaped over the high wire gate at the side of the front platform. Others attempted to follow, but the crowd was packed too tightly. When Market street was reached and the car stopped of itself, several persons were still aboard, although the car was more than half ablaze. E. J. Thompson broke through a window and dragged with him a colored woman. He was severely hurt. The car was almost entirely consumed.

Does the Water Company Earn Money?

The question was brought up last night whether the water plant is a paying institution or not. This question has never been satisfactorily answered and probably will not be until the city of Topeka takes over the concern and tries to run it on its own account. In response to a query directed at himself, City Attorney Spencer said:

"I do not know what the earning capacity of the waterworks is. You can't go into the company's books and expect to be shown the books of the company. There is nothing in the records of the federal court to show. When President Charles F. Street was first in consultation with Mayor Parker and myself over the purchase of the water plant we tried to get him to show what his earning capacity was, and after many evenings he finally agreed to show us. But he never did. The members of this club have never seen any statement of the earning capacity of the plant because none has ever been given out. When Mr. Street was here a week or so ago and tried to persuade us to sign a contract for the taking over of the water plant, we agreed to give in exchange for the first mortgage bonds, and would net a sum nearly equal to that amount in addition, or that we should have about \$25,000 a year income from the water plant."

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IN BLAZING CAR

Twenty Passengers Are Rushed Down Pittsburg Street.

Motors Blew Out and Brakes Were Released.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—A blazing Larimer avenue electric car with all brakes off, and with 20 passengers aboard, raced down Fifth avenue early today from Grant almost to Market street. For 15 minutes after the car came to a stop, it blazed like a furnace. Four of the passengers were seriously hurt and Dorothy Greenup, who was internally injured, may die.

As Grant street was reached the front motor blew out. The motorman rushed to the rear and attempted to hold the car from that end. The second motor also exploded and in an instant some one released the one brake that held the car at the top of the hill.

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HURTS GERMAN TRADE.

War Is Showing a Marked Effect on Commerce Already.

New York, Feb. 20.—The effects of the war, says a Berlin dispatch to the Times, already are noticeable on German commerce. It is reported from Königsberg that the importation of grain from Russia into Germany has come to a standstill. The grain merchants are unable to obtain the execution of their orders, Russia having diverted all the rolling stock of the state railway to government use.

The German export trade is also affected. The Alsatian textile industry records an appreciable falling off in exports to Russia, and large Russian firms have not sent their usual orders.

"LET HIM TALK."

Cleveland Says He Doesn't Care What Bryan Says.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 20.—"I don't care any more about what Bryan says than the wind that blows. I'm sure it does not bother me any. Let him talk," said Grover Cleveland, when asked what he thought of Mr. Bryan's remarks in taking exception to what Cleveland said recently in an article in the Saturday Evening Post. Cleveland declined to comment further on the article saying:

"I think the article explains itself, and I have not anything more to say about it."

Members of Shawnee lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at their hall Sunday, February 21, at 1 p. m. to attend the funeral of Brother E. E. Coleman.

OVER 100 COUPLES DANCED

U. C. T. Ball at the Auditorium Last Night.

More than one hundred couples participated in the ball given at the Auditorium last night by Topeka council No. 42, U. C. T. The grand march was led by Judge and Mrs. W. A. Johnston. Marshall's band played for the grand march, while the dances were played by Steinberg's orchestra. The music for the dances was unusually good. The Auditorium was decorated in blue and yellow, the colors of Topeka council, and a large bank of palms screened the stage where the tables were set for refreshments. Many people watched the dance from the balcony of the hall. The committee who had charge of this successful event were:

Ball Committee—B. L. Rees, chairman; P. B. Gatchell, H. J. Nichols, T. J. Ewart, J. Snattinger.

Floor Committee—W. W. Wikidal, W. Webb, T. L. King, Dana Davis, Day Carr, Dean R. Low, M. O'Rourke, W. H. Eastman, John C. Waters, Harry McKirhan, S. C. Nichols, Ben C. Johnston, Arthur T. McClintock, Leslie Guild, J. D. Mulvane, Eugene S. Quinton, Fred W. Freeman, James Stewart, Dan C. Hammitt.

Rebekahs No. 219, Attention.

Members of Capitola lodge are requested to meet at Third Presbyterian church Sunday at 2 p. m. to attend the funeral of Brother E. E. Coleman. All Rebekahs invited.

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